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HEARING ON WARNER IS POSTPONED

The hearing set on the contested will of Mrs. Alma A. Warner in the Probate court, this afternoon, was postponed, because Mrs. Emily W. Brown, executor under the will, did not come with counsel, and had not consulted her co-executor, William F. Plumb, of the City Bank. The will is contested by Mrs. Ida Kingsbury of South Coventry, who is represented by Attorney John J. Phelan. Mrs. Kingsbury was cut out and the bulk of the property was left to her sister Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Warner was 90 years old.

BRYAN IS GOING ON THE STAGE?

Story that He Will Write a Novel, Dramatize It, and Then Act It.

Mission, Tex., Feb. 25.—William Jennings Bryan, who recently bought a tract of land near here, is arranging to build a fine home thereon. He has written to John J. Conway of Mission, from whom he bought the land, that he will retire from the lecture platform for a year and spend that time on his farm here writing a novel. He will also dramatize the novel and put it on the stage. Mr. Bryan says that he will probably be in the cast of his proposed play.

MARRIED.

KEELER-ASHTON—In New Canaan, Feb. 22, Miss Ida E. Ashton to Dr. Charles B. Keeler.

MURPHY-KRANEY—In New York, Feb. 21, Maurice J. Murphy of Stamford and Miss Margaret Kearney of New York.

DIED.

MOONEY—In this city, Feb. 24, 1909, John T. Mooney, aged 38 years, 1 month.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 214 Barral avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church at 9 a. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. B 25 b.

BURT—In this city, Feb. 24, 1909, Dorothy Gilbert, daughter of Clifford and Grace Burt, aged nine months, 14 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of the parents, No. 22 George street, on Friday, Feb. 26, at 2:00 p. m.

Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

STOCKWELL—At Stamford, Feb. 20, Emily A. widow of Emory Stockwell, aged 66 years.

STOCKWELL—At Stamford, Feb. 20, William A. Studwell, aged 86 years.

O'BRIEN—In Greenwich, Feb. 21, William O'Brien, aged 72 years.

PATRICK—In Norwalk, Feb. 22, Minot Patrick, aged 72 years.

MONUMENTS

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DELAY OF HEARING IS RESENTED

Bridgeport Business Men See Hand of Third House.

Attitude of Judiciary Committee Impugned in Strong Statement.

Postponement and Delay Are Weapons Used to Tire Out Friends of Public Utilities Bill—Concentrated Hearing Planned by State Business Men's Association May Be Prevented.

A gentleman prominent in the affairs of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association issued a statement today which by indirection is a severe criticism of the attitude of the chairman of the Judiciary committee and of the committee in postponing the hearing upon the Public Utilities Bill. The statement follows:

"Right after repeated announcements that the hearing on the public utilities bill before the Judiciary committee at Hartford, would be held Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 2, at 2 o'clock, the news that the committee had postponed the hearing has been indefinitely postponed.

"In view of the chairman of the committee's explanation that the committee has received so many requests for a postponement and is so busy with other matters, that it is concluded to defer the matter for awhile, 'He was told by representative of the Business Men's Association who are interested in seeing the measure become law, that they were ready for a hearing and had all arrangements for attending the meeting on Tuesday as announced. They told him if there was anyone not ready or anyone seeking postponement, such request did not come from friends from the bill. The chairman did not deny this.'

"The impression at Hartford seems to be that the opposition, while not desiring to openly combat a bill which has for its object the interests of both public and public service corporations, is nevertheless determined to hope to fire out the friends of the bill with postponement and delay. Their efforts, it is said, will be directed toward preventing any concentrated expression of public sentiment such as is planned by the business men's association of the state.

"The Judiciary committee has evidently succeeded in this influence but efforts will be made to have the matter taken up soon and the public will be aroused and acquainted with the methods employed by the third house to prevent any legislation of this nature.

"To-morrow afternoon at a meeting of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association, the State Business Men's Association and the Board of Trade will confer with a similar committee from the Business Men's Association on this important subject.

Hat Manufacturers' Cause Jondreau's Arrest

South Norwalk, Feb. 25.—That the hat manufacturers are taking drastic steps to prevent the union hatters from interfering with the strike-breakers in their employ became evident today when the first arrest in the hat strike was made. William Jondreau, a union hatter formerly employed by Croft & Knapp Company was arrested on the charge of assaulting Geo. A. Townsend, one of the non-union men finishers. Jondreau was released on a bond of \$50, and his case will be called on Saturday.

A Sharp Swindler.

A fashionable young lady once drove up in a handsome carriage to a private luncheon at a restaurant a few miles from Paris and requested to see the proprietor. Her wish being acceded to, she informed the proprietor that she desired to place her husband under his care to see if a cruel mania under which he labored—viz., "that he had lost a large quantity of jewels"—could not be removed. After some hesitation the proprietor consented, and the lady drove away directly to a jeweler's in Paris and selected jewels to the value of several thousand francs and requested one of the shopmen to go with her in her carriage to procure the money for the goods she had taken. She drove with him to the asylum, and, arriving there, he was shown into a room. The lady then sought the doctor, told him of the arrival of her husband, and getting into her carriage, again drove away. The rest may be imagined, but the poor fellow was confined several days before it was found that he had been "sold." The lady was never heard of after.

JUDGE'S RULING IN STANDARD OIL CASE

(Special from United Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, presiding at the retrial of the Standard Oil case, today indicated that he would rule that the Standard Oil cannot be convicted of more than 36 offenses of rebating. He indicated his belief that the number of offenses might be shown to be fewer than 36 but not more than that number. The court announced that this was only his opinion of the case with his previous ruling that the case was not bound by this opinion if evidence should develop during the trial to make him change his mind.

Wealth Has Not Improved Character

Boys of Park Avenue Institute to Decide in Open Deliberation.

There was an interesting debate at the Park Avenue Institute, last evening. The question was: "Resolved, That wealth has tended to improve the character of men." The affirmative side was supported by Messrs. Willis Billings and Loewith, while Messrs. Satorovitz, Spittler and Earl Webster defended the negative.

The chairman, Mr. Edgar Webster and Mr. Gregory, gave their decision in favor of the negative.

Henry Sygve read a very pleasing selection and William Pennoyer gave a short extemporaneous speech. Several alumni were present.

CLAIMS OF TWO OCCUPY COMMITTEE

The greater part of the time of the aldermanic claims committee was taken up last night in the consideration of the claim of Harry Fitzgerald, the contracting plumber, and the claim of Burns & Co. Mr. Fitzgerald wants \$200 for a wrecked automobile caused by a pile of sand in the street at Black Rock avenue and Lewis street, on the night of Nov. 24.

Burns & Co. want the city to pay them \$238.49 for sprinkling the intersections of streets for which deductions were made from the city claim that they run their sprinkling carts over both streets and that the city is held to pay for the same under its contract.

NEW "GIANT" HAS ACCIDENT

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 25.—As the result of an accident in the practice period of the New York Nationals, yesterday morning, Arthur Schaffer, the young collegian from California, has been assigned to the hospital list, and he probably will remain there for a period of several weeks. Schaffer broke two bones in his left hand while trying to save himself from a bad fall and the hand is now in a plaster cast.

Schaffer dived over toward first base for a ground ball and lost his balance. His left hand was thrust out to break the fall and in some way it was twisted until the bones were fractured. The fractures are just below the knuckles and the hand must be kept in a cast for some time before the bones will knit. Schaffer will remain here for treatment.

WILL NOT EXEMPT ANY CORPORATION FROM TAXATION

Unfavorable Report Today From Incorporations Committee on Norwich Petition.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, Feb. 25.—The committee on Appropriations in the House today established a precedent when they reported unfavorably on the resolution which provided for the incorporation of the Lowthrop Company of Norwich for park purposes and exempted the corporation from taxation. The committee stated that they refused to report favorably on any legislation exempting a corporation from taxation.

A favorable report was sent into the House on the resolution amending the charter of the city of Norwich which provides for a board of estimate and taxation. There was also a favorable report submitted on a State road from the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs to Eagleville. The above reports were tabled for calendar and printing.

A number of appointments of local judges were passed. Among them were those of Charles E. Burns as judge and Frederick Hubbard as deputy judge of the City court of Greenwich; and W. L. Pearne judge and A. E. Taylor deputy judge of the City court of Middletown.

The resolution re-appointing Edward S. Roberts of North Canaan as state auditor came to the House today from the committee on finance and was passed under suspension of the rules.

It was then referred to the Senate and promptly passed. When the report of the committee on the town of Branford. The matter was referred to the committee on appropriations. The appointment of Samuel Youngs as judge of the City court of Stamford and Frank W. Seymour as judge of the borough court of Winsted were passed.

Senator Seavies on behalf of the committee on rules reported unfavorably on the resolution which would make unnecessary for committees to make reports on matters that they had decided unfavorably on and the resolution was rejected.

The Senate voted to give the committee on judiciary the right to use their chamber during the March session of the supreme court.

RUNAWAY HORSE GIVES EXHIBITION

In Panic Leaps Chasm Between East Washington Avenue and Open Draw.

A runaway horse gave a novel exhibition on East Washington avenue, this morning, about 10:30 o'clock. The horse leaped away from its driver, and dragging him along the street, clinking to the reins, smashed the wagon against the curb in front of the Pacific Iron Works foundry. The wagon turned at right angles and ran into the street, and the horse continued to the East Washington avenue bridge, which was then being opened. He leaped the gap between the roadway and the bridge end and made for the other end. There the animal was halted by its unwillingness to jump into the water. The horse was captured and restored to its owner.

WHEELER RESOLUTION DEFECTIVE

It Is Amended and Sent on Its Way Again With But One Dissenting Vote.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, Feb. 25.—When the resolution appointing Judge George Wheeler to the Superior court of Waterbury came in the House today it was discovered that the resolution was defective in that it did not provide for the appointment of anyone but it merely confirmed the nomination. The resolution was redrafted and passed by a vote of 10 to 1.

It was then referred to the Senate where it was passed unanimously.

There was also a defect in the resolution appointing Judge James J. Walsh to the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas, which was railroaded through the Senate yesterday. The defect was remedied and the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 1. It was then referred back to the Senate and that body passed it unanimously.

BURNING OIL STARTS BAD

Charles Gilbert Knocks Plug Out of Kerosene Barrel and Flowing Fluid Reaches Lamp.

William B. Gilbert, member of the firm of Cowles Brothers, hardware merchants, at Main and Meadow streets, while in the cellar of the store, about 2 o'clock this afternoon accidentally knocked a box from one of the shelves which, hitting a barrel of oil, knocked the plug out of it. The oil spread and came in contact with a lamp, which Gilbert had brought with him, and became ignited. He attempted to extinguish the flames alone, and seeing that it was impossible rang in an alarm of fire from box 22.

When the firemen arrived dense clouds of smoke were pouring from the cellar. The building is a four story affair and the smoke was getting between the floors. Their quick work confined the fire to the cellar and its stock, the goods in the store being damaged only by smoke. The fire was under control at 2:50.

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WALL STREET TO-DAY.

2 P. M.—The market showed a good deal of activity in volume of trading and range of fluctuation in the afternoon. Many stocks made substantial gains over mid-day figures. There was sharp advance in R. T. at the beginning of the last hour. Some profit-taking caused another fractional reaction.

GAS LIGHT CO. MAY INCREASE ITS CAPITAL

Substitute for Its Petition Favorably Reported in House Today.

Amends Original in An Important Particular.

Makes Provisions of General Statutes Apply to Manner of the Increase—Total Capital \$2,000,000 at Par Value of \$100 Per Share—A Section of Petition Eliminated in Committee.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Hartford, Feb. 25.—The committee on incorporations in the House today made a favorable report upon a substitute measure relating to the resolution introduced by Rep. Bartlett at the request of the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. amending their charter whereby the company asked for permission to increase its capital stock from \$1,300,000 to \$2,000,000. The substitute reported grants the permission asked for, places the par value at \$100 per share, and provides that the issue shall be at not less than par, and be paid for in cash or its equivalent in property. The company is authorized to issue one new share in exchange for three shares of the old stock "provided further—that shall be cashed or paid for in cash or its equivalent in property." The original petition is cut out in the substitute measure reported to-day.

Which common stock when so issued shall be cancelled or retired, and the franchise tax paid on the common stock so retired shall be applied as to the franchise on like amount of new stock.

The petition of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. for an amendment to charter and increase of stock favorably acted upon in the House last week, was passed by the Senate and now goes to the governor for his signature.

Manwaring Opposes Scofield's First Plan

Trolley Tracks Were Placed So As to Obstruct Passage to Congress Street Bridge

At the meeting of the special committee upon a feasible plan for an entrance and exit to the proposed trolley cars on the Pacific street, ground north of the Adams express building, last night, Engineer Horace G. Scofield, who is a member of the committee, submitted a plan whereby the tracks would be agreeable to the city. It provides a double means of entrance by continuing the tracks from Golden street, through Water street, to a point south of the building of McElroy Bros., where they would diverge upon the land of the railroad and pass around the McElroy building to the east. The exit is provided at Congress and Water streets by running the tracks across Middle street. Senator Manwaring, who is president of the Congress Street Bridge Commission, objected to the exit tracks crossing Middle street, as he did not want to hamper the approach to the new bridge.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to have Mr. Scofield prepare another plan, whereby the exit tracks will extend from Golden street, through Water street, to a point north of Gold street, where they will pass upon the company's property and extend to the Congress street end of the building. George T. McCarthy was cleared clerk of the committee.

30 DAYS FOR COLLEGE BOY

Louis J. Henes Sentenced in New Haven for Auto Speeding.

New Haven, Feb. 25.—Louis J. Henes, a Sheffield senior, was sentenced yesterday to thirty days in jail on the charge of speeding in his car, driving in the city. His home is in New York. He was also fined \$5 and the cost of the court for not having in his possession at the time of his arrest a certificate showing authority to operate the car.

The testimony of the policemen was that the student dashed between two trolley cars on February 19, and was caught by a policeman.

Matthewson in deciding the case said that recklessness like that displayed by Henes must be stopped in this city. Henes declared that he has perfect control of his car and was not speeding. He gave \$300 bonds in an appeal to a higher court.

FEBRUARY IS A DELUGE MONTH

By a narrow margin the heavy rainfall of last night and this morning passed breaking February weather record for 37 years for the amount of rainfall.

Weather Observer Tarr of New Haven this morning, after looking over the weather records for February for years gone by, declared that the weather so far this month is unusual. It is all due, he says, to an equatorial whirlwind that warm winds from the Gulf stream are coming this way and making it rain instead of snow. Usually we get heavy snow falls in this month, followed by rain, which makes a lot of slush and disagreeable foot going.

The storm that started in yesterday afternoon came across from the Pacific coast, and is now central over the Lake regions. Mr. Tarr says it will pass off to-night and to-morrow will be clear and colder. The weather, however, does not seem a freeze in sight nor is there anything in the weather line coming that should offer any encouragement to the ice dealers.

The highest velocity of the wind during the night was 26 miles an hour. There was a high tide, but no serious damage resulted along the waterfront.

Easton Stirred By Mystery of Clothed Skeleton in Field

(Continued From First Page.)

This morning Coroner Doten was notified of the finding of the body. He communicated the news to Medical Examiner Downs who is expected in Easton momentarily.

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HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

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Skirts made to measure in any one of 32 styles--

\$1.25 to \$2.40.

News of interest to every woman who wishes a tailored skirt.

News of the opportunity to get such a skirt at small cost.

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It is possible to buy the woollens for a skirt; to have your measure taken right then and there; to have that skirt made and delivered to you within a week or ten days.

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Each skirt will be made with care and exactly according to measure. Each one will be trimmed tastefully. Each one is cut on models which have proved their fitting ability. Each one is made with carefully finished seams—is attractive, well-made, tasteful, ready for immediate wearing.

Skirts at \$1.25—2 styles.

Skirts at \$1.50—9 styles.

Skirts at \$1.90—13 styles.

Skirts at \$2.40—8 styles.

In the range, is included every fashion which is correct for immediate and for spring wear. They will, any style, be made up of any woolen fabric. There is no limit as to price. The single condition is that the fabric shall be bought here.

Ready now with illustrations of the several sorts. Ready to fill orders promptly.

Main floor, rear.

Patent-leather shoes for young folks.

For dress occasions. Here are young folks' shoes of patent leather that are as good as we know how to choose. They are carefully made from selected leather; the making combines with the material to produce good shoes—as good shoes as patent leather will make. In shape, they are graceful. In weight, they are light; yet they have quite an amount of wearfulness. But wear-resisting ability is not expected of patent-leather shoes. They are expected to look nice and be comfortable. These will come up to expectations.

For girls—sizes 2½ to 6, \$2 and \$2.50; sizes 11½ to 2, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

For children—sizes 8½ to 10½, \$1.50 and \$2.

For little children—sizes 6 to 8, \$1.25 and \$1.65.

For boys—sizes 1 to 5½, \$2 and \$3.

For small boys—sizes 8½ to 13½, \$1.75 and \$2.50.

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Silk mohair makers are real wizards. Here they have gone and made a mohair that looks almost exactly like silk crepe. It has the luster of the silk. It has the soft fine look of the silk. But it has the strength of mohair and the great durability of mohair. It does not crush. It doesn't crease. It repels dust. It holds its handsome finish. 'Tis both beautiful and serviceable.

In rich deep hue of black, 44 inches wide, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.

Right aisle, rear.

French prunella.

With rich and gleaming stripes running all up and down its length, here is French prunella of extra beauty. It has depth of color, is ready in the most-wanted of the new colors.

Of firm weave, of nice quality, woven with rare skill; it is a good as well as a fashionable fabric. The hues of sage green, of rose of tan, or taupe, of navy, of peacock, of Copenhagen blue; all are satisfying, all are of present-day popularity.

'Twill make up into costumes of much attractiveness and is adapted to the modes of the day.

42 inches wide, \$1 a yard.

Right aisle, rear.

Hair goods worth more than their price.

Here are not only the articles for dressing the hair—but at prices below their actual worth. Good quality, good workmanship, good style; all are combined in the hair goods sold at this store.

Transformations, for all around the head, \$6.

Triangle puffs, \$3.25.

Marcel pompadours, \$1.95.

Psyche cluster puffs, \$1.95.

Psyche puffs, set of 3, large, \$1.45.

Marlowe puffs, sets of 4 and 6, 50c and 95c.

Sanitary rolls, 24-inch, 40c; 14 and 16-inch, 25c.

Gray sanitary rolls, 24-inch, 75c.

Yvette auto nets, large, 21c.

Yvette tourist nets, 14c, 2 for 25c.

Switches—16-inch, all long hair, 75c.

20-inch, long hair, \$1.85.

20-inch, natural wavy hair, \$1.95.

24-inch, natural wavy hair, \$2.85.

Handsome gray switches, 16-inch, \$2.75.

Madeleine dye, a preparation to restore gray or faded hair to natural color, harmless and efficacious, \$1.

Third floor.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Eva Cooley entertained a party of young friends at her home, 384 East Washington avenue, Wednesday evening. Games were enjoyed including hearts, whist and pinochle. Vocal selections were rendered by several of the party. Those present were Misses E. Sadie Marshall, Olive Sharp, Mabel Roddin, Nettie Congdon, Martha Sharp, and Messrs. Wm. W. Church, Sheldon A. P. Parker, T. J. Seward, James Coyle, J. J. Straley, Geo. A. Seward, Walter Hyde and Edward Huff. Refreshments were served.

SUIT OF O'MARA FOR \$10,000 HEARD

Before Judge Gager and a jury in the civil Superior court today, the suit of William O'Mara of this city against the Connecticut Co. for \$10,000 damages was heard. O'Mara in March, 1907, while riding on a car of the company going west was ejected at Seely and State streets by the conductor and was hit by an east bound car and his jaw broken. He claims that the negligence of the motorman of the east bound car was responsible for the accident and that he was not at fault in any respect.

Frederick F. Ehrsam was today appointed administrator of the estate of the late Mary I. P. Ehrsam. William L. Zepp and A. A. Tibbals were appointed appraisers.

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fashion book and a pattern, together worth 40c, 25c.

The nominal price of the Butterick fashion book for spring is 25 cents. It costs that. But it has with it, a certificate good for any Butterick pattern. That certificate is equal to 15 cents in cash. It buys a 15-cent Butterick pattern.

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